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1. US MISSION ARRANGEMENT WITH DEPARTMENT AND DOC CALLS FOR AN EARLY WARNING PROCEDURE WHEREBY MISSION NOTIFIES DOC AND THE EMBASSY INVOLVED WHENEVER MISSION DISCOVERS POTENTIAL BID OF INTEREST TO US CONTRACTORS. IN ADDITION HOST NATIONS SOMETIMES REQUEST APPROVAL OF QUOTE ACCELERATED PROCEDURE UNQUOTE WHEREBY DELEGATIONS TO NATO ARE ALLOWED ONLY THREE WEEKS TO SOLICIT INFORMATION ON INTERESTED BIDDERS. IN THOSE CASES MISSION MAKES REQUEST TO DOC TO FURNISH LIST OF INTERESTED US BIDDERS.

2. IN NORMAL CASES OF NATO PROCUREMENT HOST NATIONS INFORM NATO EMBASSIES OF REQUIREMENTS FOR NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTED BIDDERS. THIS MAY OCCUR BEFORE OR AFTER THE HOST NATION MAKES A FUND REQUEST IN THE APPROPRIATE NATO COMMITTEE. IN ADDITION, SOME HOST NATIONS CIRCULATE NOTIFICATION OF IMPENDING BID TO DELEGATIONS AT NATO. WHEN MISSION RECEIVES SUCH A NOTIFICATION AND HAS NOT SEEN A REPORT THEREON FROM THE ENBASSY CONCERNED, WE INFOFM DOC DIRECT WITH COPY TO THE EMBASSY. THUS WE BELIEVE THAT MISSION DOES DISTRIBUTE INFORMATION AS SOON AS IT IS REVEIVED.

3. FOLLOWING ARE US MISSION COMMENTS ON TWO CASES CITED REFTTEL.

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A. WE CANNOT DETERMINE THE IDENTITY OF THE QUOTE ASCON COMMUNICATIONS PROJECT UNQUOTE. NEITHER NETHERLANDS DELEGATION NOR THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF RECOGNIZE THE PROJECT.

B. REPLACEMENT OF THE SHAPE TECHNICAL CENTER COMPUTER HAS NOT BEEN AUTHORIZED BY NATO COMMITTEES. AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING COMMITTEE HAS ENDORSED THE REQUIREMENT BUT THE MILITARY BUDGET COMMITTEE HAS NOT PROVIDED FUNDS. THE MILITARY BUDGET COMMITTEE HAS AUTHORIZED THE NETHERLANDS TO GATHER DATA INCLUDING POTENTIAL PRICING IN ORDER TO PRESENT REQUIREMENTS AND COSTS TO THE COMMITTEE FOR POSSIBLE INCLUSION IN 1976 BUDGET. MISSION HAS NOT NOTIFIED COMMERCE OF THE POTENTIAL PROCUREMENT BECAUSE WE BELIEVE IT UNLIKELY THAT COMPUTER WILL BE PROCURED IN THE NEAR FUTURE. BRUCE.

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